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REMARKS

In response to the pending office action, Applicants amend claim 1 to include the limitations of objected to claim 13. Claim 13 is being canceled. Thus, amended claim 1 is now in condition for allowance. By virtue of dependency, claims 2-10, 12, 14-40 are in condition for allowance as well. Claims 41-48 and claims 50-58 have been allowed.

The current amendments have been made to expedite the case to allowance. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the canceled claims in any continuation/divisional applications.

CONCLUSION

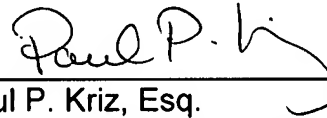
In view of the foregoing amendments, Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. A Notice to this affect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after reviewing this Response, that the pending claims are not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the Applicant(s) Representative at the number below.

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Applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for any extension of time which is required to maintain the pendency of this case. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 50-3735.

If the enclosed papers or fees are considered incomplete, the Patent Office is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (508) 616-9660, in Westborough, Massachusetts.

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